

## Thinking Outside the Book Box: Using BOOKMATCH to Develop Independent Book Selection

| Criteria for Choosing Books  | Student Comments |
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| <b>Book Length</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>B</b></div> ✓ Is this a good length for me?<br>✓ Is it too little, just right, or too much?<br>✓ Do I feel like committing to this book?  |                  |
| <b>Ordinary Language</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>O</b></div> ✓ Turn to any page and read aloud.<br>✓ Does it sound natural?<br>✓ Does it flow? Does it make sense?   |                  |
| <b>Organization</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>O</b></div> ✓ How is the book organized?<br>✓ Am I comfortable with the print size and number of words on a page?<br>✓ Are chapters short or long?                               |                  |
| <b>Knowledge prior to Book</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>K</b></div> ✓ Read the title, view the cover page, or read the summary on the back of the book.<br>✓ What do I already know about this topic, author, or illustrator? |                  |
| <b>Manageable Text</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>M</b></div> ✓ Begin reading the book.<br>✓ Are the words in the book easy, just right, or hard?   |                  |
| <b>Appeal to Genre</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>A</b></div> ✓ What is the genre?<br>✓ Have I read this genre before?<br>✓ Do I like or expect to like this genre?   |                  |
| <b>Topic Appropriateness</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>T</b></div> ✓ Am I comfortable with the topic of this book?<br>✓ Do I feel like I am ready to read about this topic?  |                  |
| <b>Connection</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>C</b></div> ✓ Can I relate to this book?<br>✓ Does this book remind me of anything/anyone?   |                  |
| <b>High-Interest</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 30px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>H</b></div> ✓ Am I interested in the topic of this book?<br>✓ Am I interested in the author/illustrator?<br>✓ Do others recommend this book?                                    |                  |